

MONTHLY CONNECTIONS

SUNDAY SERVICE

Lost Island- 8:45am

Bethany- 10:30am

CHILDREN MINISTRY

Bethany Sunday School-
9:30am Resumes Sept.

Lost Island Sunday School-
10:15am

YOUTH MINISTRY

WEDNESDAYS

SACK (2nd-5th grade): 3:30-5pm
Connect (6th-8th grade): 6-7:30pm
LIFE (9th-12th grade): 7-8:30 pm



August was always interesting living on a farm. One of the tasks we did each year was to walk out into the corn fields and cut down sunflower seeds. They would tower over the field and they needed to be removed.

My dad and I came up with a plan. He would stand by the road on the bed of our pickup and I would walk out into the field. We would each have a walkie-talkie so we could communicate. I would take a corn knife and put it on my hat to hold above the corn so Dad could see where I was. He would then direct me from one sunflower to another and I could cut them down. It was a lot of work, it was hot, and it was a little fun.

I remember being in the corn field, not able to see anything in any direction, I could easily lose my directions. In the middle of an 80 acre corn field, not knowing where I was, it was a little scary.

But I was never worried. I was always connected. I knew that my father was in the pickup watching over me. I knew that he was always in communication with me, always encouraging me, always helping me find a direction. I knew I would

be safe.

I knew that he would never leave me in the field. I knew that I could trust him. My Father was always there for me.

As a church, we may feel like we are in the middle of a corn field. (or as the Bible might say, a wilderness.) We do not know the future. We may have more questions than answers. And we have a lot to wonder about.

But we are connected to our Father. He cares for us. He leads us through our prayers. He leads us through our worship. And he leads us as we care for each other. Just as my dad led me home, so will our heavenly Father lead us.

As we read in Hebrews chapter 13 verse 5, God says:

"I will never fail you nor forsake you."

Blessings. A. Friend



Prayer is such an important piece in the life of a Christian. Not only do we pray to God individually, but as a body of Christ, we pray for our neighbors, the world, and we trust that God will do His will in those prayers. Need prayer? Want to intentionally pray for others? Let us know!

We remember those in special need of God's love and care including:

Carol Walker, Linda Twait, Jay Hember, Ryker Stone, Hailey Koenig, Justin Reinhart, Mike Schipull, Paul Bedard. Doug Ort, Korbin Johnson, Jeff Duhn, Wilma Nielsen, Nolyn Johnson, Omundson Family, Rick Rienhardt, Bridget Johnson, and those we name in our hearts.

***Our Sympathy:**

To the family and friends of David Stephens, - Pam and Terry Rouse's son-in-law, who passed away July 18th.

***Our Military Members:**
Alex Meyer

***Our companion synods:**

The Southern Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania-Yakobi Parish companion with Lost Island and the Evangelical Lutheran Church Laz-Paz Parish in Chile, companion with Bethany.

***Our New Members:**

***Our New Members via Baptisms:**

***Keep Pastor Peter in your prayers in this transition**

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www.lostislandlutheranchurch.com

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 Bethany/Lost Island Parish

 @bethanyemmetsburg

 Bethany Worship

GET INVOLVED.

QUILTING

Morning Quilting

Mondays- 9 -12 PM weekly

Night Quilters

Mondays, 5-8 PM weekly

Lost Island Quilting

WOMEN'S CIRCLES

***Tabitha Circle:** *August 19, 2026 @ 6:55 pm at Alaire's home*

***Sarah Circle:**
Resume in September

***Mary Martha Circle:**
August 19th @ 9:30 am at Willow Ridge

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

WEDNESDAYS AT NOON

RESUME 11/2025 ??



BETHANY VOLUNTEERS

Altar Guild: Amy Malm

Date	Lector	Greeter	Usher	Comm Asst	Leader	Musician
Aug 2	Jennifer Boevers	Joe & Jen Boevers Family	Mark Evans Jay Hember	Jackie Leuer Joe Neary Jen & Joe Boevers	Retired Pastor Tom Hagen	Tim Nielsen
Aug 9	Sydney Martini	Pam & Terry Rouse	Chuck Duhn Richard Ayers		Kristin Rienhardt	Serena Lace
Aug 16	Jess Thoren	Sherri Ort Barb Haack	Michael Jacobson Joe Neary	Dianne Hough Jess Thoren Barb Haack Sherri Ort	Pastor Tonna Parsons	Tim Nielsen
Aug 23	Marla Noble	Chuck & Marla Noble	Terry Rouse Tim Rodemeyer		Kristin Rienhardt	Laura Gustafson
Aug 30	Chris Meyer	Carrigan Family	Joel Saxton Ed Meyer		Pastor Tonna Parsons	Serena Lace

Altar Guild: Karyn Leininger,
Amea Norris

LOST ISLAND VOLUNTEERS

Date	Lector	Communion Assistant	Leader	Musician
August 2	Kyle Norris	Craig Thu	Retired Pastor Tom Hagen	Tim Nielsen
August 9	Troy Leininger		Kristin Rienhardt	Tim Nielsen
August 16	Karyn Leininger	Alaire Nielsen	Pastor Tonna Parsons	Tim Nielsen
August 23	Charles Henningsen		Kristin Rienhardt	Tim Nielsen
August 30	Jeff Geiger (?)		Pastor Tonna Parsons	Tim Nielsen



MEMORIAL GIFTS GIVEN—BETHANY

The family of _____ gave a memoriam to Bethany

BETHANY FUNERAL SERVERS

GROUP B

Laure Miller, Elaine Nauss, John & Stephanie Larson-Chairpersons

Phil Andreasen
Dan & Michelle Jackson
Cordell & Donna Poldberg
Kristin Rienhardt
Bob & Connie Schubert
Tom & Karen Hagen
Jason & Laura Reinders
Ben & Laura Gustafson
Gina & Angie Cowden
Bob & Sheryl Mortenson, Jr

Darlene Naig
Greg & Rachel Haack
Beverly Norland
Cory & Stacie Fjetland
Tonya Peterson
Joyce & John Froisland
LuAnn Opheim
Paul & Teresa Saxton
Glenyce & Willard Schmeling
Jason & Nicole Sanders

Greg & Ann Sween
Randy & Deb Jones
Aaron & Jackie Leuer
Doug & Sherri Ort
Dawn Daniels
Shari Schurg
Lori Forry
Joe Neary
Tiffany Keller
Ina Crocoll

BETHANY COUNCIL

Laure Miller, President 712-363-2005
Aaron Leuer, Vice President 712-480-2670
Michael Jacobson, Treasurer 712-790-1452
Ed Meyer, Sec. 712-298-1029
Barb Haack 712-260-3408
Brian Malm, 712-260-0721
Jennifer Boevers, 712-298-2143
Tim Rodemeyer, 515-341-3955

**Do you have
questions? Need
assistance?**

**Contact your
council members
and they will get
you connected with
the right people!**

LOST ISLAND COUNCIL

Troy Leininger – President
Tim Nielsen - Treasurer
Kyle Norris – Secretary
Craig Thu & Kadin Norris – Trustees
Alan Oppedal & Charles Henningsen –
Deacons

August– We are already in August! Crazy! Where did the time go? Regardless, the school year is right around the corner and I can't wait to see how God is going to work in and through these programs, Youth Groups and Sunday School.

Please pray that God would prepare the youth's hearts as they learn and grow in their relationship with God!

NOISY OFFERING

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WILLING TO HELP?

Support,
drive,
donate,
teach?
Contact



*KRISTIN
RIENHARDT*

*Kris-
tin.rienhardt@blc.edu
712-790-6470*

SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERING

UPCOMING EVENTS/SCHEDULE:

SIGN YOUR KIDS UP FOR YOUTH PROGRAMS!

AUGUST 23RD– BLESSING BACKPACKS

KICKOFF YOUTH PROGRAMS–SEPTEMBER 9TH

RALLY DAY– SEPTEMBER 13TH

**I WOULD LOVE HELP AT ALL YOUTH PROGRAMS FROM
SUNDAY SCHOOL TO WEDNESDAY NIGHT
PROGRAMMING. IF YOU ARE WILLING TO HELP OR WANT
MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE LET ME KNOW!**



Sundays & Wednesdays

LOST ISLAND NEWS



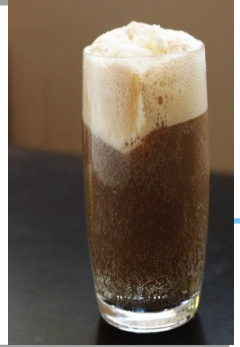
Friends of Sharing the Dream in Guatemala is a volunteer-based fair trade organization that works to reduce poverty in Guatemala through collaborative partnerships with Guatemalans. We offer Guatemalan crafts including hand-made beaded jewelry, handwoven scarves, baskets from all natural materials and much, much, more. Shop online at www.sharingthedream.org, visit one of the stores in Vermillion, Sioux Falls or at Lost Island Lutheran Church. If you are interested in learning more contact Karyn Leininger.



Night at the Nature Center, Ruthven

The Lost Island Women's Circle (Tabitha) is hosting their annual "Meal and Program at the Nature Center" on August 12th at 6 pm. Bring your own mug/cup for your root beer float.

Please let the church office (852-4450) know if you are attending by August 5th.



THANK YOU.

- Thank you to all who have been involved in worship on Sundays to bring us the Good News of God!
- Thank you to all that have continued to give your monetary donations!
- Thank you to those that helped pack up Pastor's household items for their upcoming move.
- Thank you to those that provided food and housing for our VBS counselors.
- Thank you to those parents who allowed their children to attend VBS this year.
- Thank you to those that volunteered their time to help make VBS a success.

OTHER NEWS/EVENTS:

CELEBRATING
75
YEARS
INGHAM LAKE BIBLE CAMP

AUG. 22-23
AT INGHAM LAKE
2258 450th Ave, Wallingford

FAMILY FUN . BOATING . ARCHERY . EVENING MEAL . CAMPFIRE .
BRUNCH . WORSHIP SERVICE . HOG ROAST . PIE AUCTION .

HOPE YOU WILL HELP US CELEBRATE!
CHECK OUT ALL THE DETAILS AND RSVP
AT WWW.OKOBOJI.ORG/75

All are welcome to the celebration of the Ingham Lake Bible Camp Anniversary on August 22—23. There will be games and programs conducted throughout the weekend ending with a worship service on Sunday (23). Don't forget the BBQ/Pie Auction being held at 4pm Sunday,

All Are Welcome!!



*"To know Jesus Christ
and to make Christ
known to all"*

**Ingham
Okoboji** 
Lutheran Bible Camps

Scandinavian Feast, July 31st from 5:30-7:30 PM
Adults \$20 | Children (ages 4-13) \$8
Menu to include Alaskan Pollack, Swedish Meatballs,
Creamed Peas, Baby Red Potatoes, Pork Loin, Pickled
Herring, Kringla, Lefse, Aebleskivers and more.
Dining Hall, 1203 Inwan, St., Wahpeton

Glenn Henriksen Concert, July 31st at 7 pm
Glenn, a versatile pianist and organist from Armstrong, IA,
has a lifetime experience across musical genres, making
him a sought-after master at creating a shared musical
experience for all. Concert is free will offering, Lawn
chairs are optional.
Beach Front Amphitheater, 1203 Inwan St., Wahpeton

5K Fun Run, August 1st at 8 AM
-Register now on our website at www.okoboji.org/5k
-\$25 Fee (T-shirt included for early registrants)
-Prizes for top 3 males and top 3 females
-Free kids .5k run at 8:50 AM (kids under 11)
Front Parking lot, Corner of Lakeside Ave & Waska Dr., Wahpeton

Quilt Auction, August 1st at 12 (NOON)
-Quilt Viewing, July 31st at 4-7 PM, and
Aug. 1st at 9-11:30 AM
-Lunch in Dining Hall, 11 AM-12:30 PM
-LIVE AUCTION, 12 (NOON)
-Proxy bidding is available if you are unable to join
Front Parking lot, Corner of Lakeside Ave & Waska Dr., Wahpeton

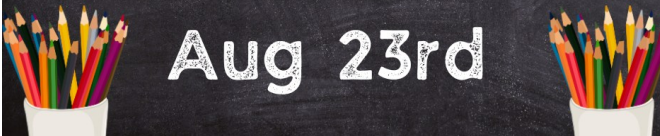
Online Quilt Auction, July 31st-Aug. 3rd
A limited number of quilts and items will be for auction
online instead of on the live auction. Bidding begins July
31 at 8 AM and concludes Aug. 3rd at 6 PM.
Online Auction available at www.okoboji.org/quilt

Help us provide camp opportunities to youth and families!
1203 Inwan St., Wahpeton, IA 51351 | 1-800-OKOBOJI | www.okoboji.org



BLESSING BACKPACKS

Aug 23rd



**Register your youth for
2026-2027 today!**
Preschool to 12th graders!
Join us for some fun, faith, and fellowship




www.bethanylutheranemmetsburg.com/register

MISSION TRIP




**COME HEAR ALL ABOUT
THE MISSION TRIP AT
WORSHIP ON AUG 23**



STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship of your whole life

Before you read further, stop and list the top five things you value most in life? Then rank them by importance. Go!

All done?

If you're like most people, your top-five list includes family, health, time, God, friends, job, home or community. Does money even show up? For many of us, it doesn't, and yet most of church talk about "stewardship" involves how we use our gifts of money.

Yes, we are "stewards," or caretakers of the material wealth with which God has blessed us, but we are also responsible for nourishing and cherishing all the OTHER blessings that God has put into our lives. That goes especially for the things we value most.

Now refer back to your top-five list. For each, consider these questions:

**Why is this item in the top five?*

**How well am I caring for this?*

**Am I treating it as one of the most valuable items in my life? Why or why not?*

**How could I care even more for this item?*

**How would God want me to care for this, and why?*

**How would my life change if I really cherished and nourished this gift?*

Being a good steward of all the blessings and opportunities God gives to us opens our lives to the full joy and potential that God intends for us. How can you be a better steward of what God has given you?

JUNE 2026 FINANCIALS.

Bethany Lutheran Church Treasurer's Report

If you have any financial questions, please email Michael at bethanyfinance20@gmail.com and he can answer any questions.

WAYS TO GIVE.



In Person
Drop cash/check off
in the office or the
offering plate.

Online



Mail
Send offering to:
Bethany Lutheran Church
703 Broadway
Emmetsburg, IA 50536



Local bank-bill pay option
The local Emmetsburg banks
each provide a FREE online bill
pay service which can arrange
recurring weekly or monthly
payments.

	MONTHLY BEGINNING BALANCE (7,378.78)		
INCOME		EXPENSES	
Offerings	9,216.69	Personnel Expenses	11,822.31
Miscellaneous	0.00	Program Expenses	27.83
Lost Island	0.00		
Total Income	9,216.69	Office Expenses	202.07
		Property Expenses	3,522.42
		Western IA Synod	415.10
		Other Donations	0.00
		Damascus Road	50.00
		NO ELCA Donations	0.00
		TOTAL EXPENSE	16,039.73
	Income Less Expenses	(6,823.04)	
	GENERAL FUND BALANCE	(14,201.82)	

August 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					Scandinavian Feast & Glen Henriksen Concert at IOLBC	1 IOLBC Quilt Auction and 5K RUN/WALK
2 Comm Sunday 8:45 Worship LI 10:15 am SS (Lost Island) 10:30 am Worship (B)	3 9 am Quilting 5 pm Quilting	4	5	6	7	8
9 8:45 am Worship (LI) 10:15 am SS (Lost Island) 10:30 am Worship (B)	10 9 am Quilting 5 pm Quilting	11	12 6 pm Meal & Program at Lost Island Nature Center 5:30 Board of Youth Mtg 7pm Board of Education	13	14	15
16 Comm. Sunday 8:45 am Worship (LI) 10:15 am SS (Lost Island) 10:30 am Worship (B)	17 9 am Quilting 5 pm Quilting	18 6:30 pm Council Mtg	19 9:30 am Mary Martha 6:30 pm Council mtg 6:55 pm Tabitha Circle	20 Last Day for Articles for Sept. Newsletter	21	22 Ingham's 75th Anniversary
23 Mission Trip Presenta- tion/Blessing Backpacks 8:45 am Worship (LI) 10:15 am SS (Lost Island) 10:30 am Worship (B) Ingham's 75th Anniversary 4-6pm Hog Roast	24 9 am Quilting 5 pm Quilting	25	26	27 WIC Meets Send out Newsletter	28	29
30 Healing Sunday 8:45 am Worship (LI) 10:15 am SS (Lost Island) 10:30 am Worship (B)	31					

* **BOLDED WORDS ARE CALENDAR ITEMS THAT ARE UNIQUE TO THE GIVEN MONTH**

*Bethany Quilters: Morning Quilters 9am-Noon, Night Quilters 5-8 pm

*Council meets every Third Wednesday at 6:30pm

*Youth Groups meet Wednesdays [SACK (2nd-5th) 3:30pm-5pm] [Connect/Confirmation (6th-8th) 6-7:30pm] [LIFE (9th-12th grade) 7-8:30pm] These run Sept-May

* Lost Island has weekly coffee fellowship following worship

*WIC meets once a month from 9am-3:30pm in the church basement

*Cub Scouts meet every other Tuesday or Sunday at 6:30pm during the school year

*Noisy Offering cans are on tables but are passed during offerings every 2nd Sunday of month

*Lost Island Quilting meets in the basement at Lost Island

COMMUNITY/CHAMBER:



EMMETSBURG COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE



AUGUST 5
1:00 PM - 5:30 PM

Holy Family Parish Center | 2003 Broadway St. | Emmetsburg



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visit: lifeservebloodcenter.org
text: LIFESERVE to 515.815.7242



SATURDAY, AUGUST 8



SOPER PARK
EMMETSBURG, IA

STREET MARKET
FOOD TRUCKS
KIDS GAMES
INFLATABLES
FACE PAINTING
YARD GAMES
LIVE MUSIC
BREWFEET
BEER GARDEN

KIDSFEET BREWFEET SHOPPING MUSIC & MORE



Upper Des Moines Opportunity, Inc.



Collecting items instead of cash for noisy offering in summer

We are asking for non-perishable food items or school supplies this Summer rather than coins in the can at the 2nd Sunday Service. The containers are right behind the last pew on the east side of the church. They are identified as which is which. Thank You in Advance for helping our local people with their needs!



VBS Was A SUCCESS!

THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Around 24 children from all ages enjoyed the Ingham Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camp Leaders as well as the volunteers who made those 4 days seem awesome!

From Singing to crafts to listening to the Bible lessons—it all went off without a hitch. Blessings from GOD! We had Jameson, Kaylyn, Jonah, and Clara from camp. They were a delight.



Special thanks to:

*Marit & Frank Veltri and Joe & Jennifer Boevers for hosting the staff.

*Lost Island for sponsoring a Thrivent Action Team.

*Those that provided meals for the staff at lunch and supper. • the volunteers that helped during VBS. • Holly Sidles for being the main lead person at church. • All the parents, families, individuals that sent their kids/ grandkids and supported all the fundraisers to make this possible.